

Lawson Bridge Studio News August 2014

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Club Games – Rates are for each player

Games: 6:20 pm at Ann Salter's Restaurant, 909 West Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL 773-348-2378

Aug 4	Open Pairs Unit 123/222 STaC —\$12
Aug 6	I/N Pairs Unit 123/222 STaC —\$12
Aug 11	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$11
Aug 13	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$11
Aug 18	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$11
Aug 20	I/N Pairs Grassroots Fund Game —\$11
Aug 25	Swiss Teams Grass Roots Fund —\$11
Aug 27	North American Pairs Qualifying —\$11

Sep 1	No Game Labor Day Skokie Sectional
Sep 3	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$11
Sep 8	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$11
Sep 10	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$11
Sep 15	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$11
Sep 17	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$11
Sep 22	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$11
Sep 24	I/N Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$11
Sep 29	Open Pairs ACBL Int'l Fund Month —\$11

Cub Games in August

Baseball season is here so traffic may be snarled on these August Cub home dates as per published schedule. If there are reschedules due to weather etc., I will not be aware of these:

Monday 7:05 pm game: **Aug 11**

Wednesday 7:05 pm game: **Aug 13, Aug 20**

Team Game Monday August 25

Patt and I will be registering your team as well as having the registration sheet at the games. You may contact Jerry at lawsonbridgestudio@gmail.com or 773-209-7089 for registration as well as assistance in completing a team if you cannot form a team. We look to you to form your teams, and let us know of your teammates so that we may do the check-in efficiently as in the past and start the game on time.

Enjoying the Bridge Game

As a sanctioned ACBL club we are to operate under the Laws of Duplicate Bridge as well as all the other club level regulations. We take these very seriously in how they are to be applied for their purpose is the enjoyment of the game. The Laws contain much on what is required for proper etiquette, which has been a topic in previous newsletters. Another is the ACBL Active Ethics policy, which states:

An actively ethical player contributes to the enjoyment of all players by continuously striving to maintain a courteous attitude toward both the opponents and partner, and by avoiding any behavior that would make any player uncomfortable. These social attributes are vital to the healthy growth of the game of bridge.

Actions from the Zero-Tolerance Policy under Active Ethics	
Beneficial Behaviors	Not to Be Tolerated Behaviors
Being a good "host" or "guest" at the table.	Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats or violence.
Greeting others in a friendly manner.	Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents.	Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.
Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents. (This is a regulation, not just a nicety.)	Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling.
Playing the boards within the round specified time. Monday 7 minutes a board; Wednesday 8 minutes a board.	Continual slow play into the next round resulting in players leaving the table late and next players having to wait to play the round, thus playing catch up to get the round in timing sync.

These listed actions are examples: there will be others that may fit into either category. We ask newer players to respect polite requests from experienced players to take their suggestions as they want you to develop to be a better bridge player especially in the area of bridge etiquette as this is the least talked about part of the game, but is crucial so that bad behaviors don't get ingrained as one develops, most importantly if it is in the direction of correction to meet the requirements of the Laws. Also as club management we do a disservice to our players, if we don't encourage proper etiquette and correct application of the Laws; under a blanket statement of we want players to have fun without consideration of multiple temperaments and what is fun for each of these temperaments within the size of the club. Thanks to all viewing the club as an enjoyable place as evident by continual size, and helping us to maintain it.